Miſt. Page. The ſpirit of wantonneſſe is ſure ſcar'd out of him, if the diuell haue him not in fee-ſimple, with find & recouery, he will neuer (I thinke) in the way of waſte, attempt vs againe.

Miſt. Ford. Shall wee tell our husbands how wee haue ſeru'd him?

Miſt. Page. Yes, by all meanes: if it be but to ſcrape the figures out of your husbands braines: if they can find in their hearts, the poore vnuertuous fat Knight ſhall be any further afflicted, wee two will bee ſtill the miniſters.

Miſt. Ford. Ile warrant, they'l haue him publiquely ſham'd, and me thinkes there would be no period to ieſt, ſhould he not be publikely ſham'd.

Miſt. Page. Come, to the Forge with it, then ſhape it: I would not haue things coole.

Exeunt.

Scœna Tertia.

Enter Hoſt and Bardolfe.

Bar. Sir, the Germane deſires to haue three of your horſes: the Duke himſelfe will be to morrow at Court, and they are going to meet him.

Hoſt. What Duke ſhould that be comes ſo ſecretly? I heare not of him in the Court: let me ſpeake with the Gentlemen, they ſpeake Engliſh?

Bar. I Sir, Ile call him to you.

Hoſt. They ſhall haue my horſes, but Ile make them pay: Ile ſauce them, they haue had my houſes a weeke at commaund. I haue turn'd away my other gueſts, they muſt come off, Ile ſawce them, come.

Exeunt.

Scœna

Scœna Quarta

Enter Page, Ford, Miſtr
Ford, and Eua

Euan. 'Tis one of the beſt d
uer I did looke vpon.

Page. And did he ſend you
inſtant?

Miſt. Page. Within a quarter

Ford. Pardon me (wife) henc
I rather will ſuſpect the Sunne wi
Then thee with wantonnes: N
(In him that was of late an Her
As firme as faith.

Page. 'Tis well, 'tis well, no r
Be not as extreme in ſubmiſſion,
But let our plot go forward: Let
Yet once againe (to make vs pub
Appoint a meeting with this old
Where we may take him, and di

Ford. There is no better way th

Page. How? to ſend him wor
Parke at midnight? Fie, fie, he'll

Euans. You ſay he has bin th
has bin greeuouſly peaten, as a
there ſhould be terror in him, t
Me-thinkes his fleſh is puniſh'd
ſires.

Page. So thinke I too.

M. Ford Deuiſe but how you
And let vs two deuiſe to bring hi

Miſ. Page. There is an ol
Hunter (ſometime a keeper heer
Doth all the winter time, at ſtill

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE *Merry Wives of Windsor* (STC 22301) LONDON, 1630 UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURG